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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: SINCE ANNOUNCING ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT
AGAINST MOVEMENT FOR SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE IN THE
CANARIES ARCHIPELAGO (MPAIAC), SECYGEN, CUBILLO, ALGERIAN MEDIA
HAVE MADE THE AFFAIR A MAJOR EVENT. ON APRIL 10, THE TWO MEN
ACCUSED IN THE ATTEMPT WERE PLACED ON PUBLIC VIEW ON AN ALGERIAN
TELEVISION SHOW, AND PRESS FOLLOWING DAY GAVE OFFICIAL GOA ACCOUNT
OF AFFAIR. THERE FOLLOWS A SUMMARY OF PRESS "REVELATIONS."

2. PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS IN PIECE ARE:
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A. JUAN ANTONIO ALFONSO GONZALEZ: GONZALEZ IS MAN WHO DID
STABBING. HE IS DESCRIBED AS FORMER SPANISH PARATROOPER (PRESS ASKS
RHETORICALLY IF HE IS NOT STILL ON ACTIVE DUTY) WHO CAME HERE ON
RECONNAISSANCE MISSION IN MARCH AND RETURNED APRIL 2. FALSE SPAN-
ISH PASSPORT WITH WHICH GONZALEZ TRAVELLED UNDER NAME LUIZ MUNOZ
RODRIGUEZ GAVE HIS DATE OF BIRTH AS 1947.

B. JOSE LUIS CORTES RODRIGUEZ: RODRIGUEZ WAS GONZALEZ'S PARTNER

IN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT. HE TRAVELLED UNDER HIS REAL NAME AND HIS SPANISH PASSPORT GAVE DATE/PLACE OF BIRTH AS [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 09 DEC 2014], VALLADOLID.

C. "ALFREDO" AKA "GARCIA" AKA "GUSTAVO": PRESS SAYS ALGERIAN POLICE DO NOT YET HAVE "ALFREDO'S" REAL NAME. GONZALEZ DESCRIBED "ALFREDO" AS HIS BOSS, AND LATTER VISITED ALGIERS WITH GONZALEZ IN MARCH. PRESS SAYS "ALFREDO" HAD INFILTRATED MPAIAC AND HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN SABATOGING SOME OF THAT GROUP' OPERATIONS. "ALFREDO" HAD ALSO BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR NUMEROUS ARRESTS OF GRAPO OPERATIVES, ACCORDING TO PRESS.

D. OTHERS: PRESS SAYS THAT ON FEBRUARY 15 RETIRED SPANISH ARMY COLONEL MANUEL VALERO, DOMINGO PEREIRA, ASSISTANT TO SPANISH CONSUL GENERAL IN BORDEAUX, YON AZUA, AND OMIATE (LAST TWO NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED) MET IN BORDEAUX WITH "ALFREDO." PRESS INDICATES THAT AT THIS MEETING, ASSASSINATION PLAN WAS DEVISED, WITH "ALFREDO" DESIGNATED AS EXECUTIONER.

3. PRESS SAYS ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT MADE WITH SPANISH PARATROOPER'S KNIFE, AND THAT CUBILLO WAS STRUCK FIRST IN STOMACH AND THEN IN BACK. FORMER BLOW WAS DEFLECTED BY A BUTTON ON CUBILLO'S RAINCOAT AND THIS SAID TO HAVE SAVED HIS LIFE.

4. PRESS DOES NOT DIRECTLY IMPLICATE SPANISH GOVERNMENT IN AFFAIR. IT SPECULATES, HOWEVER, THAT "SECURITY SERVICES" MUST HAVE BEEN INVOLVED AND DISMISSES "FANTASTIC ASSERTION" BY CANARY ISLANDS FACIST GROUP OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR ATTACK AS EFFORT TO DISTORT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRUTH OF MATTER. PRESS ALSO MAKES MUCH OF CUBILLO'S ASSERTION THAT SPANISH SECRET SERVICES WERE DIRECTLY IMPLICATED IN AFFAIR. ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AT THIS TIME SAID TO BE LOGICAL, GIVEN MPAIAC'S SUCCESS AT TRIPOLI AND LIKELY OAU RECOGNITION AT KHARTOUM. CUBILLO ALSO NOTED TACTIC OF SPANISH SECRET SERVICE OF USING POLITICAL PARTY MEMBERS TO FIGHT HIS MOVEMENT AND ASSERTED THAT ALFREDO GONZALEZ PEREZ WAS ONE SUCH PERSON. END UNCLASSIFIED.

5. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: FRENCH EMBASSY SAYS CUBILLO HAD BEEN WARNED THAT ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST HIM LIKELY, BUT HAD DISMISSED IT.

6. COMMENT: WHAT EFFECT THIS AFFAIR WILL HAVE ON ALREADY STRAINED ALGERIAN-SPANISH RELATIONS NOT CLEAR. SO FAR, REGIME SEEMS UNWILLING TO IMPLICATE GOS AS WAS DONE WITH FRENCH GOVERNMENT IN EARLY 1976 IN CASE OF BOMBING AT OFFICES OF OFFICIAL GOA NEWS-PAPER, EL MOUDJAHID. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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